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matics on which gunnery is based, and furnishes non-technical explanations of the effect of the rifled barrel with its advantages over the smooth bore, gives reasons for using the long, pointed bullet, makes clear the relation between rifling and trajectory, shows how the Maxim silencer works, and answers many questions connected with a gun which any wide-awake boy would like to know or ought to know. Indeed, the whole history of the development of firearms from the battle of Crécy to the modern war is traced, with copious illustrations of the various types invented from age to age. The book is an interesting and valuable treatment of the subject, calculated not to promote militarism but to encourage intelligent sportsmanship.

OUR HUMBLE HELPERS. By Jean Henry Fabre. Translated from the French by Florence Constable Bicknell. New York: The Century Company. \$2.00 net.

Similar in plan and style to the author's *Story-book of Science*, this volume deals with our friends of the farm-yard,—the pig, the hen, the goose, the turkey, the ox, the ass, the horse, the cow, the sheep, and his canine keeper,—and tells many interesting facts and stories about their origin, domestication, anatomical structure, and habits. Though intended primarily for boys and girls, the book will prove of equal interest and pleasure to their parents.

LABORATORY MANUAL FOR INTRODUCTION TO SCIENCE. By Bertha M. Clark. Cincinnati and New York: The American Book Company.

Conveniently arranged with loose leaves for a binder, this paper-covered manual contains more than two hundred experiments that have been successfully used with high school students. Most of these experiments require simple apparatus and can be performed by the average pupil without danger to himself or to others. Each experiment is accompanied by a series of questions designed to make the pupil record every step of the process and understand clearly what he is doing. The list of experiments covers a pretty wide field and is adapted to work both in the rural school and in the city school.